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REMARKS	

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- Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 16 June 1951, about 75 to 80 single-engine aircraft were parked on the landing field of Garz airfield. Of these aircraft about 60 were of an older type which were parked in three rows, whereas the remaining 15 to 20 planes were of a newer type. A description of one of the old type planes is as follows: low-wing monoplane, radial engine, landing gear apparently rigid, wing tips slightly rounded, cockpit provided with roof, antenna rod aft of cockpit. * A description of one of the new type planes is as follows: low-wing monoplane with in-line engine, three-bladed propeller, wings slightly dihedral and tapering, slim fuselage, cockpit beginning somewhat forward of leading edge of the wing, landing gear retracting inward, nose wheel. ** Two planes of the new type practiced local flying from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. flying had to stop then because of a thunderstorm.
- There was no flying on 17 June because of thunderstorms. At 2 p.m. on 18 June, about 60 aircraft of the older type were parked at the field in their previous arrangement.
- Between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 19 June, the field was observed from its northern and eastern edges. The sky was partly cloudy. At about noon a single-engine plane of the new type approached from the northeast and landed at the field. Six planes of the new type made local flights after 12:30 p.m. Flying still continued at 6 p.m. There was intensive night flying from 10 p.m. until about 1 a.m. The planes seemingly were of the new type. Sometimes, up to 20 planes were aloft at the same time. There was firing with machine guns and aircraft cannons although it was dark. It appeared that night pursuit flights were practiced. During flying activity in the afternoon, trucks, two tank trucks, two jeeps and one ambulance were parked at the field. Naval and air force soldiers, passenger cars and trucks were seen entering and leaving the field. ***

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- * [] Comment. The aircraft type cannot be identified from the description. It is believed improbable that the planes have rigid landing gears. The planes are possibly Yak-21 trainers. The unusually large number of aircraft of this type indicates that a pilot school is possibly stationed at the field. 50X1-HUM
- ** [] Comment. The planes are probably P-39s or P-63s. No jet planes have been seen at Garz airfield. 50X1-HUM
- *** [] Comment. The motor vehicle [] belong to naval units. They confirm the previous assumption that Garz airfield is occupied by a naval air force fighter regiment. 50X1-HUM

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